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SUBJECT: WRAP-UP EVENTS IN GREECE -- JULY 29/30

GENEVA FOR BUFFUM

1. AT CABINET MEETING EVENING JULY 29, PM KARAMANLIS DECIDED TO DISMISS ALL PREFECTS (NOMARCHS) AND ALL SECRETARIES GENERAL OF MINISTRIES WHO HAD SERVED PRIOR TO JULY 23, 1974.

2. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECIDED TO LIFT CIVIL MOBILIZATION BY FIFTY PERCENT FOR EMPLOYEES AND PENSIONERS WHO FALL UNDER JURISDICTION THAT MINISTRY. PERSONNEL COVERED BY THIS DECISION INCLUDES THOSE WORKING IN TRANSPORT ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRMS AND THOSE EMPLOYED BY POSTOFFICE AND TELEGRAPH ORGANIZATION. ALSO COVERED ARE THOSE PENSIONERS WHO WERE RECALLED FOR DUTY WITHIN THE
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POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC SERVICES.

3. JULY 29 NEWSPAPERS CARRY REPORTS OF ARRIVAL ON PREVIOUS DAY OF LADY FLEMING, POPULAR RESISTANCE FIGURE WHO HAD BEEN JAILED AND SUBSEQUENTLY EXILED UNDER PAPADOPOULOS REGIME. SHE WAS GREETED AT AIRPORT BY ENTHUSIASTIC THRONG OF WELL-WISHERS, INCLUDING MELINA MERCOURI

4. ACROPOLIS JULY 30 REPORTS FROM LONDON THAT FORMER ATHENS MAYOR GEORGE PLYTAS IS "IN NO HURRY" TO RETURN TO GREECE NOR DOES HE HARBOR AMBITIONS TO REGAIN FORMER POSITION UNTIL QUESTION OF PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF MUNICIPALITIES IS RESOLVED. PLYTAS BELIEVES SPECIAL MINISTRY SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE AFFAIRS OF ALL COMMUNITIES AND CITIES.

5. MINISTER OF PUBLIC ORDER GHIKAS STATED JULY 29 THAT GOG AT PRESENT TIME INTENDS NO CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP OF NATION'S SECURITY FORCES. HE NOTED THAT HE HAD TAKEN ACTION TO SUSPEND TRANSFERS OF GENDARMERIE OFFICERS WHICH HAD BEEN PROPOSED UNDER PRIOR ADMINISTRATION.

COMMENT: GHIKAS' ACTION MIGHT REPRESENT ATTEMPT TO BRING SENSE OF CALM AND SECURITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE BE CONCERNED WITH POSSIBILITY OF PURGES OR PUNITIVE ACTIONS

6. ATHINAIKI JULY 29 IN SHORT EDITORIAL FOCUSES ONCE MORE ON WHEREABOUTS OF FORMER PM PAPADOPOULOS AND REMINDED LEADERS US EMBASSY HAD RECENTLY DENIED PROVIDING AIRCRAFT FOR HIS DEPARTURE FROM GREECE AND THAT AP REPORT INDICATED FORMER GREEK LEADER STILL IN ATHENS SUBURB. NEWSPAPER SUGGESTS THAT NEW GOVERNMENT HAS OBLIGATION TO REVEAL WHEREABOUTS OF PERSON WHO BEARS ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY FOR "PAST SEVEN YEARS." TASCA

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